को कितनी मात्रा थी ? भूकम्प क्षेत्रों में रहने के कारण झटका सह सकता है या नहीं ? इनका झटका तो हम सह ही रहे हैं। लेकिन जैसा यह पूछते हैं, तो मैं इनको बताना चाहती हूं।....(व्यवधान)...

Yes, I am replying. (*Interruption*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: It does not strictly arise out of the main question.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : इडुक्की डेम 1996 एम.सी.एम. के अगेन्स्ट में इसका स्टोरेज 810 एम.सी.एम. था 3 अगस्त 1988 को। जिस समय के भूचाल की चर्चा आप कर रहे हैं, उस रिजर्वायार में पानी ही नहीं था।

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, of course, the Government is terribly frightened about the ensuing political earthquake, but that is different. But I would like to know because the first earthquake in Idukki district occurred on June 7th and also on the next day and in these two days, 26 shocks were recorded in the area. Following these shocks, cracks had developed in several buildings in the Idukki region. The Expert Committee of three persons has submitted a report. I would like to know from the Minister whether a detailed investigation of all the available data relating to the recent tremors will be undertaken by the Government.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: Sir, Periyar dam is in the same river basin. The dam was constructed in the year 1895 but no seismic activity has been reported. वहां मिट्टी के कुछ मकानों को [illegible] थे, उनको थोड़ी क्षति हुई है। लेकिन डैम के कारण कोई भी अर्थ-क्वेक नहीं हुआ। मेरा सबंध इसी से है।

(व्यवधान)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Sir, she has not understood the question.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Recommendation of the Election Commission

*225. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received recommendations from the Election Commission and/or others that elections to all the State Assemblies and Lok Sabha be held simultaneously to reduce consumption of time and money in election campaigns from time to time;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the suggestions in principle, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the date on which Government's attention was drawn first towards the suggestion; and

(d) the concrete and specific progress made so far in this regard and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d) Such a recommendation was received from the Election Commission in 1982. It was decided not to accept it. Thereafter the Election Commission has not made any proposal in this regard.

*226. [*Transferred to the 19th August, 1988*].

Shifting of Baliapal Missile test range in Orissa

*227. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:
SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a proposal from the Orissa

Government to reconsider the shifting of Baliapal test range to a sparsely populated area of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have considered this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Crash of IAF helicopter in Himachal Pradesh

*228 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian Air Force helicopter crashed at Nadaun, District Hamirpur in Himachal Pradesh on the 8th June;

(b) the number of persons killed in the crash; and

(c) whether any Court of Inquiry has been ordered into the crash?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Four Air Force personnel were killed.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Central administrative tribunals in Eastern States

*229. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal in Eastern States;

(b) what difficulties are being faced by Government in setting up these Tribunals in these States; and

(c) the number of pending cases in Central Administrative Tribunal in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Government have already set up the Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal in Eastern States such as in Cuttack, Calcutta, Patna and Guwahati.

(b) Benches of the Central Administrative Tribunal are set up by Government depending upon the work-load at each place. No specific difficulties are being experienced for setting up of Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal in any State.

(c) A total number of 23,639 cases are pending before various Benches of Central Administrative Tribunal as on 30-6-1988.

Re-employment scheme of retired defence service officers

*230. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retired officers of the Armed Forces are not satisfied with the re-employment scheme for providing jobs to retiring or retired officers; and

(b) if so, what measures Government are taking to give re-employment to them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Current instructions permit re-employment of officers upto the rank of Colonel in the Army, Commander in the Navy and Group Captain in the Air Force in the respective Services. Such re-employment is based on the exigencies of requirement of the Services and is generally against vacancies in ranks which are one to three ranks below the ranks in which they retired. The terms of re-employment are known to the officers who opt for such re-employment. There are no reports of dissatisfaction about these. However, certain problems which have arisen regarding fixation of pay of such re-employed officers are under examination.